

# May Announce New Indian Owners--White Sox Are After Frank Baker

## MEETING THIS WEEK LIKELY TO END ALL BASEBALL TROUBLES

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

The ending of the financial tangle in Cleveland, the possible purchase of J. Franklin Baker by Charlie Comiskey, and the disposal of Chick Gandil to either the Cleveland Indians or the White Sox are expected to feature the American League's schedule meeting at New York Thursday. In addition, of course, the playing schedule for the coming campaign will be made public, and it is possible that one or two other deals will find their way into the sporting columns. That George Stovall, the "Firebrand of the Federal League," has made his peace with Ban Johnson, and will be taken care of in Cleveland, is the information drifting Eastward today from Chicago. His future will be determined at the New York meeting.

Connie Mack insists he won't play Frank Baker with the Athletics, and will dispose of him, if any other club will give him his price. The New York Yankees were angling for the former slugger of the champion Mackmen, but the price demanded staggered Messrs. Huston and Ruppert, and the Yanks have dropped out of the bidding. Now Charlie Comiskey and Clarence Rowland are preparing to talk business with Connie Mack for Baker and before Friday the La Trappe farmer may be doomed to perform on Chicago's South Side in 1916. The possible hitch in this deal may come from Baker himself, who demands a slice of the purchase price and an exorbitant salary.

### HOPES TO END ALL TROUBLES.

Ban Johnson hopes to end all the troubles in Cleveland. The bankers' committee boosted the price demanded to \$500,000 the moment peace was declared in the baseball world. This price is \$200,000 more than wanted when Ban Johnson first undertook to clear up the tangled situation in the Sixth City. Action is imperative, as the players must head for the training camp within a week or two, and until the money is produced, this cannot be done. Ban Johnson refrained from attending the anniversary banquet of the National League because he was too busy trying to whip things into shape in Cleveland. He is expected to make an official announcement of his work at the New York meeting.

While it had been said all along that George Stovall would not land a berth in the American League, it is now reported from Chicago that he has succeeded in having Johnson look with more favor upon him. Stovall would like to manage and play first base in Cleveland. The Forest City fans all worship Stovall, never forgetting the "pep" he put into the team during his short trial as its manager. If Stovall is made manager of the Indians, it is thought that a revival of interest in the team will be seen at once.

Manager Griffith will leave Wednesday for New York. He wants to dispose of Chick Gandil and Joe Boshling. In the case of the Richmond southpaw, all he needs is waivers from all the other clubs, as Jimmy Callahan is willing to assume Boshling's contract and give him a trial in Pittsburgh. Chick Gandil will not be on the Washington payroll by the time the training season begins. The Old Fox wants to get players for his big first baseman, but in the event of his failure along this line, he will be compelled to sell him for as much money as he can get. Cleveland and Chicago are said to be after Gandil, but Fielder Jones is another manager seeking a capable first baseman. Manager Griffith expects to dispose of Gandil to one of these three clubs.

Before he can begin his training stunts, Eddie Ainsmith must undergo a slight operation on his nose. A small bone has been found to be fractured, and as soon as that operation is completed, Ainsmith will begin light work.

## EXPECT WILLARD TO HEAD EASTWARD NOW

Frank Moran Getting Into Shape at Saratoga, Skating and in the Gymnasium.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion, is expected to leave Chicago today for the metropolis. He will be met at the Grand Central Station by Tom Jones, one of his managers, and taken at once to the pioneer A. C. on Forty-fourth street, where he is to complete his training for his bout with Frank Moran at Madison Square Garden March 8. The champion may be taken around to various sport centers, but Tom Jones would make no promises along this line.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Despite the heavy fall of snow, Frank Moran, who fights Jess Willard, March 8, has managed to start training with a vim. His daily routine consists of round trips across the frozen lake, a five-mile journey, ice skating, and gymnasium work, assisted by Willie Lewis.

The Pittsburgher is showing excellent speed, and feeling and feels in better condition than at any time of his career.

To tell the truth, I don't expect to work as hard for Willard as I did for Coffey," said Moran today. "I figure the ex-motorman a more dangerous man than the champion. He is at least more aggressive and a man with a stout heart."

Have little consideration for Willard's victory over Johnson. I am firmly convinced that the once great colored boxer had reached the end of his string when he fought in Havana."

Manager Dorgan will return to New York Friday to arrange for sparring partners and training paraphernalia for the camp at Pal Haines' in New York. Moran will return to New York next Sunday. At present he weighs 214 pounds and expects to enter the ring against Willard four pounds lighter.

Friday morning Moran took out a hunting license and shortly after dinner bagged a red fox measuring five feet from tip to tip.

## WELSH MAY MEET SUBSTITUTE FEB. 22

Lowe Develops Poisoning on Left Arm and Will Be Unable to Face Champion.

Although Tommy Lowe will be unable to meet the champion, Freddie Welsh, at Ardmore on February 22, there will be a show at that club, and, it is possible, Freddie Welsh will be one of the contestants. Lowe and Welsh had signed articles to meet on that date, but the Washington fighter has developed poisoning in his left arm, which is today swollen to twice its natural size.

Manager Pollock, manager of Welsh, and asked that the champion be kept at Ardmore with another man in his weight. Whether Pollock will agree to this or whether he will even return the forfeit money that Lowe has already posted, is problematical. But the Washington management hopes that an amicable adjustment can be reached whereby Welsh will be brought here to meet Lowe at some later date.

The champion also has the privilege of showing here against a substitute for Lowe on the official day mentioned, February 22.

Tommy Lowe's arm is in a bad condition, and it is a condition that is already apparent will not be sufficiently subdued ten days hence for a battle in the ring. He thinks he contracted the poison from a mosquito bite inflicted by one of his trainers while at Savannah, Ga., last week.

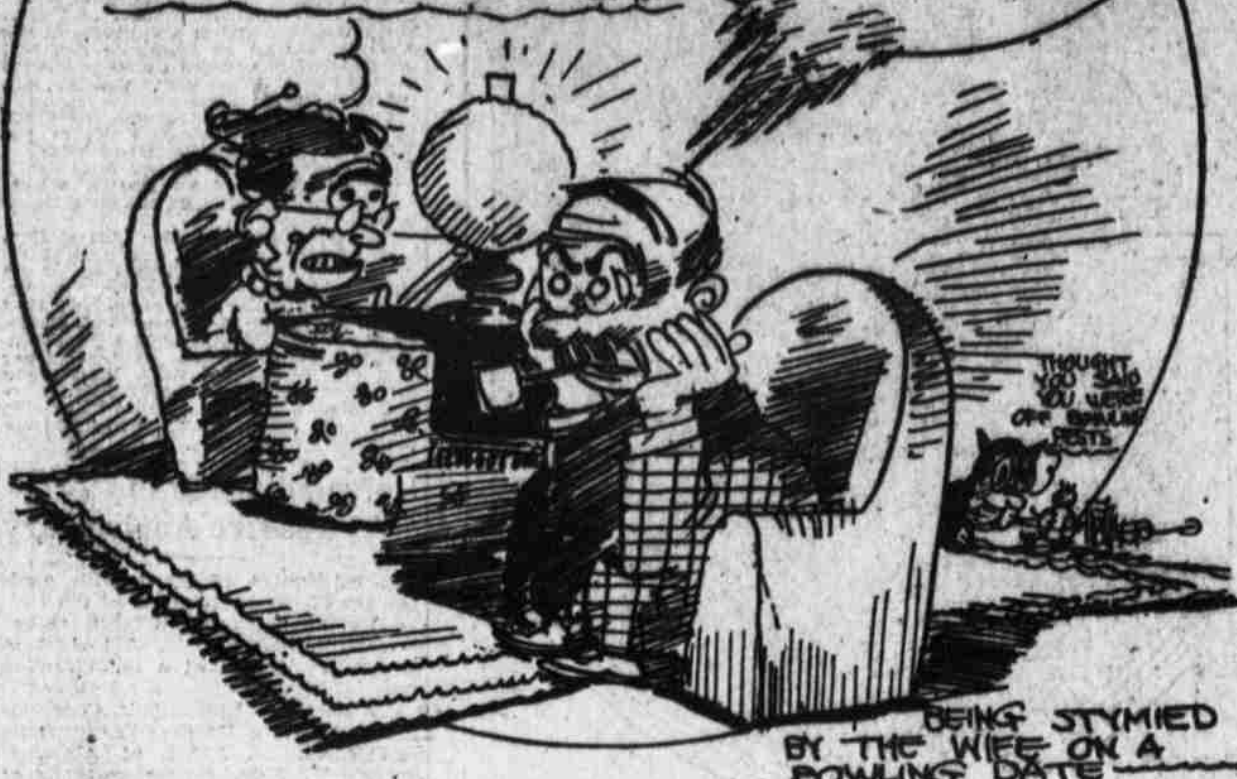
Metzger Boosts Coaches Who Take Up His Labors

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Feb. 14.—Sol S. Metzger, for two years head coach of the West Virginia University football team, and at present under contract to succeed Bob Feltwell at Washington and Jefferson, is spending the winter at Palm Beach, Fla. In a letter to a Morgantown man he says:

"I am glad to see Tobin and McIntyre elected as coaches. They will make good men, and the team next fall will be a better one. I look for West Virginia to have one of the best eleven in the country next fall."

## BOWLING PESTS

LEWEL—WHY SHOULD YOU WANT TO GO OUT IN THE EVENINGS? AM I AND THE CAT ENOUGH COMPANY? YOU SIT RIGHT THERE WHILE I READ ANNIE GURLEY'S ADVICE TO THE LOVE LORN. NOW DON'T SULK. THERE LIKE A HOP TOAD.



BEING STYMIED BY THE WIFE ON A BOWLING DATE

## TODAY'S SPORTORIAL

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

What will be the caliber of baseball in the National League in 1916? Last year it was generally understood among baseball men that the American League played much better baseball, despite the comparison shown in the world's series, where the Red Sox won four of their games from the Phillies by lone run margins. Indeed, Clark Griffith went on record as saying that his fourth place team could have done better than the Red Sox did against the Phillies.

New blood in the National League is expected in 1916 to make a lot of difference around the circuit. The Giants will have a number of Federal Leagueers in their ranks. So will the Cubs, Braves, and Reds. Though the Feds have been belittled by organized baseball men for two seasons, nevertheless, it is easily understood that strength has been added to those National League clubs taking former Federal Leagueers.

As a league, the Feds were far from impressive. However, they did have a few good players, such as Magee, Kauff, Tobin, Konechky, George Anderson, Irvy Anderson, etc. Putting the best of the Feds in the National League line-ups should go far toward making for a better balance among the teams of the circuit. The whole National League race will benefit by the coming of peace on the diamond, and the benefit will be right on the field as well as at the gate.

### GEORGETOWN'S BIG MEET.

Next Saturday night comes Georgetown University's big annual indoor meet and all interested in track and field sport, the cleanest known, will be at Convention Hall in time to hear the opening gun in the first primary heat of the century dash. For years Georgetown has set the pace for the South Atlantic section in the matter of track sports and this year will prove no exception to that custom. Track Manager "Frits" Flannagan and Graduate Manager Charlie Cox have labored hard to have representative athletes in competition here. They have succeeded. The meet should be both a financial and an artistic success.

### LANGFORD RETURNS TO LIFE.

Sam Langford, the Boston heavyweight, better known as the "Tar Baby," has come back to life. He proved this by slamming Harry Willis on the jaw for the ten count at New Orleans. Until last Friday night, when Sam put Harry to sleep, Willis promised to make trouble for any white holder of the world's championship. Of course, few believe that Willis would ever have been given a chance to prove his ability, but all the same his record would have started arguments. Now they are done.

Sam Langford, many believe, would have put Jack Johnson away in jigtime, had the former champion ever offered him an opportunity. During the past four years, though, the Boston heavyweight has put on too much weight around the waist and has slowed up accordingly. Now that he has stripped Willis, who was on his way to the top, maybe Sam will get into shape and make a class of his own so that he will have some kind of a title to sport.

### HOW ABOUT THOSE RECORDS?

We read that Howard Drew, the California sprinter, tied records for the 105-yard dash and the 90-yard dash. Very fine, but why not have him try for those other world's records, the 104-yard dash, the 91-yard dash, and the 89 1/3-yard dash? It seems a shame to have such a fine performer lose any of those marks that he might so easily make.

For years New York's indoor meets have established more records than those held anywhere else in the country. Instead of staging merely standard events, New York promoters have any number of freak distances on their programs, suiting the distance to the sizes of the various armories in which the meets are held. Then, with a loud blast of trumpets, the morning papers announce new "world's records."

This should be a matter for ruling by the National A. A. U. officials. But there is small chance of this being done.

### WHAT'S TOM JONES DOING?

"We know Moran and we know his style. If he's got a change against the Willard of today, then I'm a Chinaman." Thus deponeth Tom Jones, the Kewanee barber, manager-in-chief of the world's heavyweight champion. What's he trying to do, kill interest in the coming battle between Moran and Willard?

If there is one reason why fans should want to see this battle, it is because they imagine Moran has a chance to upset the titleholder. If they are told, and convinced, that Moran is going in for a sound beating from the opening bell, maybe they won't spend the money or the time to see it. The only reason a boxing bout is worth seeing is because the men are evenly matched and put up a good contest. What's Tom trying to do?

## Protests Now Pour In Against Ouimet Ruling

Golf Association's Stand on Amateurism Is Stirring Up Good-Sized Hornets' Nest—The West and New England in Forefront of Fight.

The United States Golf Association is being bombarded from all parts of the country because of its stand on the amateur question. Most of the criticism comes from the West, but in New England there are many people interested in the welfare of Francis Ouimet, Jesse Gullford, and others, who may or may not be affected by the new rule, and they have not hesitated to express their disapproval of the attitude taken by the national association.

One adherent of Ouimet sets forth a long explanation of why he thinks that an exception should be made in the case of the former open champion. It will be remembered that Ouimet was a salesman in a sporting goods store long before he was much of a golfer in point of skill, and he owed his position to his ability to make good as a salesman and not to his prowess as a player. It is contended that his success on the links should not force him to abandon his means of livelihood.

It is also recounted that Ouimet refused an offer to write a signed story on his victory over Vardon and Hay at Brookline in 1913 until he was told by Elias Strawn and G. Herbert Windler, former presidents of the U. S. G. A., that he would not affect his amateur status by doing so.

The attacks from the West are more impersonal and general. The Western Golf Association has gone on record in favor of the acceptance of the offer of the Del Monte Golf and Country Club of first transportation from Chicago to the coast for the Western amateur championship, which the U. S. G. A. officials view with disfavor. Vincent Whitcombe, president of the California Golf Association, was recently quoted as declaring that the U. S. G. A. would have to recede from its position if it wished to avoid an open break with the Western organization.

Among the protests from the West the following quotations culled from a published article are among the most interesting:

"The United States Golf Association has declared Francis Ouimet and John G. Anderson professionals because they are in 'trade,' and because their chances of success are held dependent upon their prowess at golf. The ruling of the golf association is all the more ridiculous because this same body permits a man who was once a professional baseball player to take part in amateur golf tournaments. . . . The decision of the golf association is too much in line with the tendency to make golf a millionaire's game. It is a snobbish policy."

It seems to be a matter of general regret among golfers that such a case as that of Ouimet should come under the ban, but it is felt that the line must be

drawn somewhere, even though a hardship is worked upon one or two individuals for the good of the game as a whole. In any case it is pointed out that the present intention of Ouimet to open a store of his own would affect the argument in his case materially.

With regard to the opposition from President Whitney, of the California Golf Association, subsequent interviews indicated that the Californian was not as positive on the question of the transportation and the amateur status after he had been in New York a few days as when he first arrived.

An old-time golfer and a staunch adherent of the U. S. G. A. takes issue with the exerts quoted above from a Western article. He points out that the statement that the U. S. G. A. has declared Ouimet and Anderson professionals is without foundation in fact; that no professional at any other sport is allowed to compete as a golf amateur unless he has severed his professional connection with that sport for a certain length of time, generally two years, and gives affidavit that he does not intend to take it up again; that the decision of the golf association bars no one from the ranks, but only declares that those who are professionals shall play as professionals; and that the supposedly "snobbish" policy is the only one that will insure the future of the game in this country.

### Bowling Tonight.

Mt. Pleasant League—Quebec vs. Immanuel.  
Georgetown Commercial League—C. P. Ash Company vs. Washington-Virginia R. H.  
Nautical League—Potomac vs. Washington.  
Capital City League—Bureau vs. Easterns.  
Agricultural Interbureau League—Plant Industry vs. Solicitors.  
Terminal R. H. vs. M. C. A. League.  
Low Level vs. High Level.  
Marine Corps League—Canasco vs. Cuba.  
Phi Mu Sigma League—Epsilon Two vs. Omicron.  
Southern Railway Clerks' League—Treasurers vs. Auditors; Bookbinders vs. Managers; Law vs. Tie and Timber.  
Masonic League—King Solomon vs. Nationals; East Gate vs. Naval.  
Knights of Columbus League—Indians vs. Cardinals.  
Southeast League—Southeast Stars vs. Anacostia Regulars.  
District League—Royals vs. Jeds.  
Bureau League—Machine Shop vs. Electricians.  
Northern League—Thomas Jefferson Council vs. De Luxe.  
Odd Fellows' League—Easterns vs. Washingtons.  
Navy Yard League—Foundry vs. R. M. Shop.

### Ad Wolgast Will Meet Champion at Milwaukee

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Ad Wolgast will clash with Lightweight Champion Freddie Welsh in a ten-round bout at Milwaukee, Wis., March 6, it was announced today.

Larney Lichenstein, Wolgast's manager, announced the matching of Joe Welling against Frank Burns, of Oakland, Cal., at Kansas City for February 21, and Benny Palmer at Milwaukee February 25.



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